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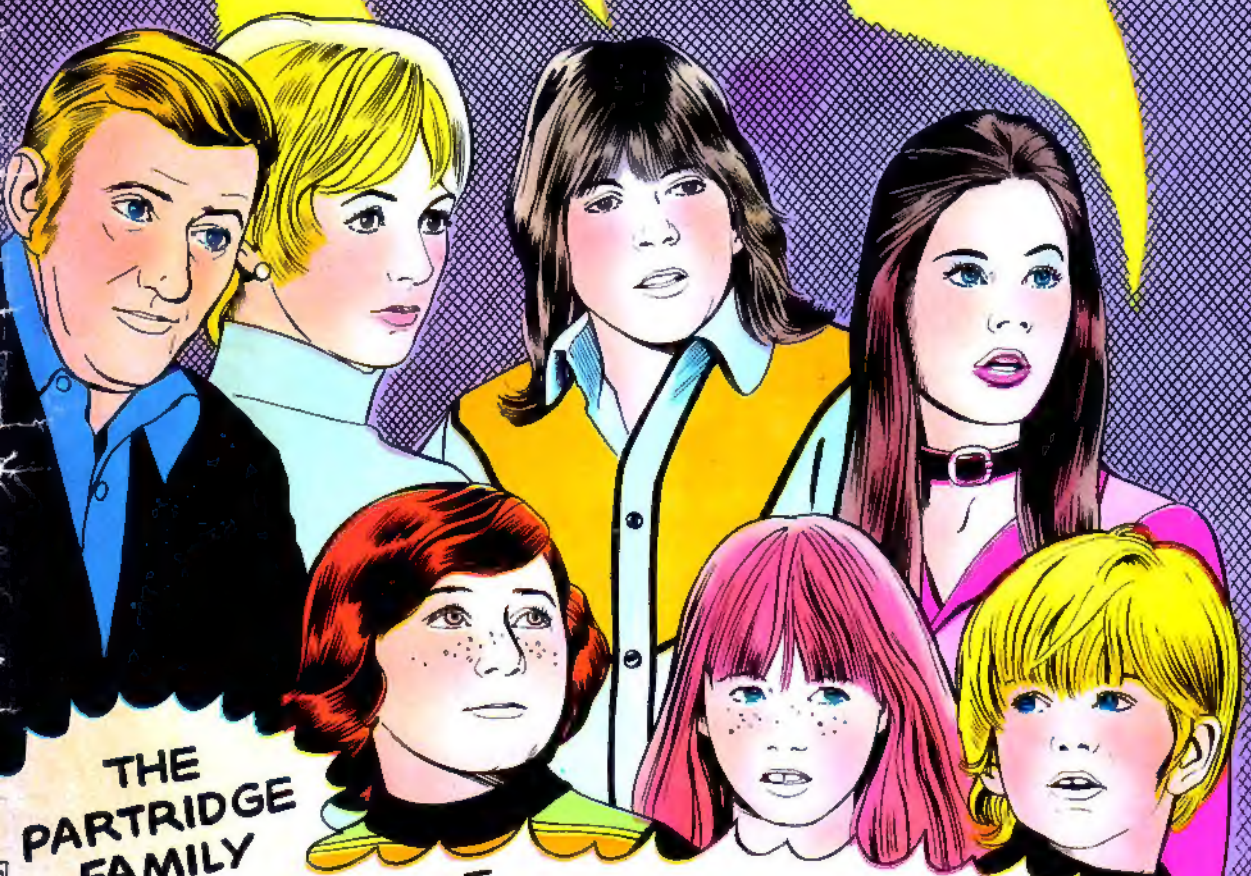

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DON SHERWOOD
DEAD-VILLE FEED STORE
HERE'S HOPING WE'LL FIND A RESTAURANT IN THIS TOWN, GANG.
IT'S A GHOSTLY SPOOK-OUT WHEN THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY ENTERS A TOWN KNOWN AS DEAD-VILLE.
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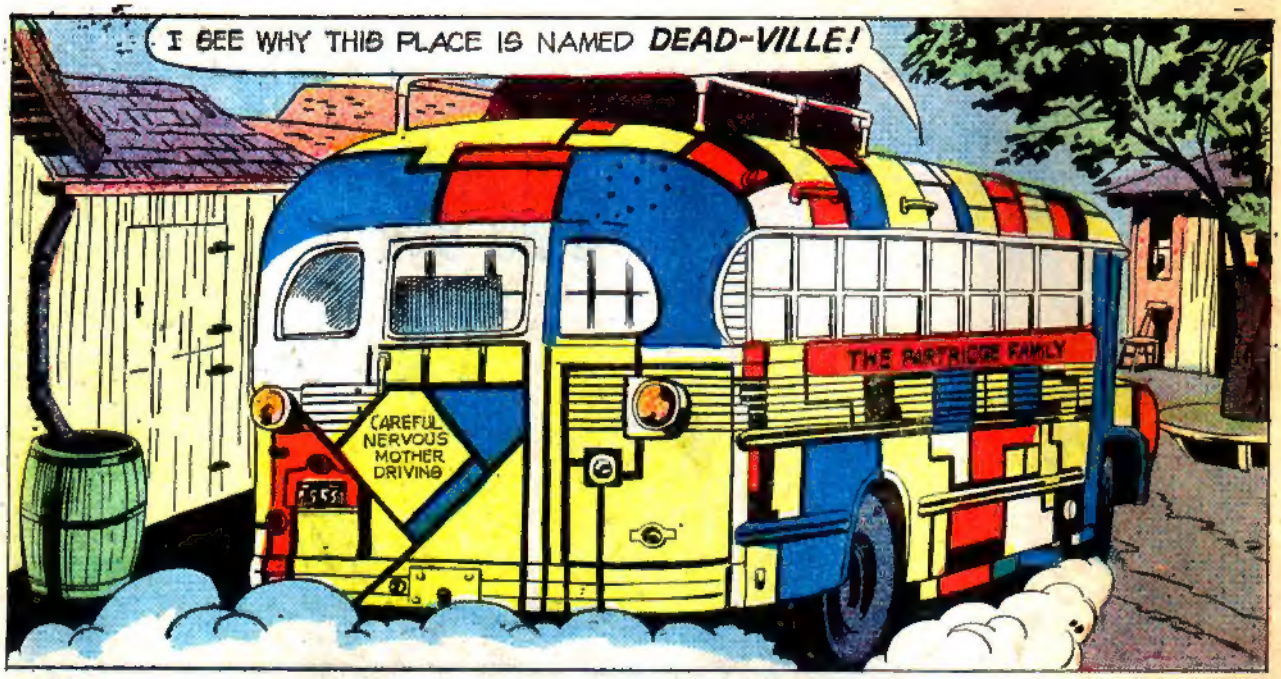
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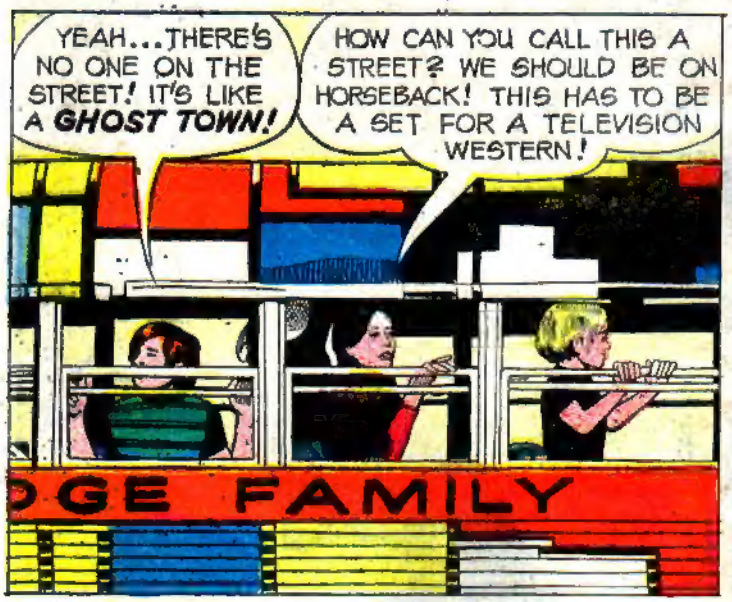
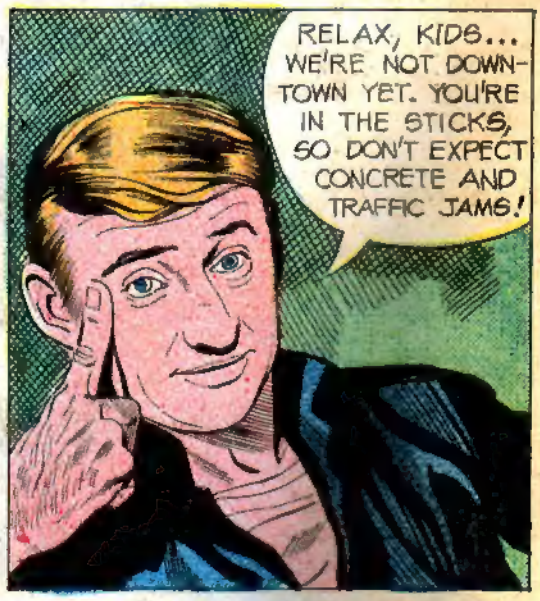
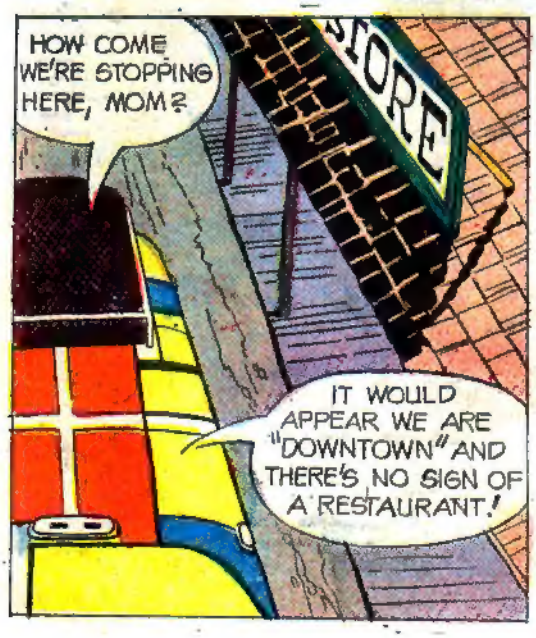
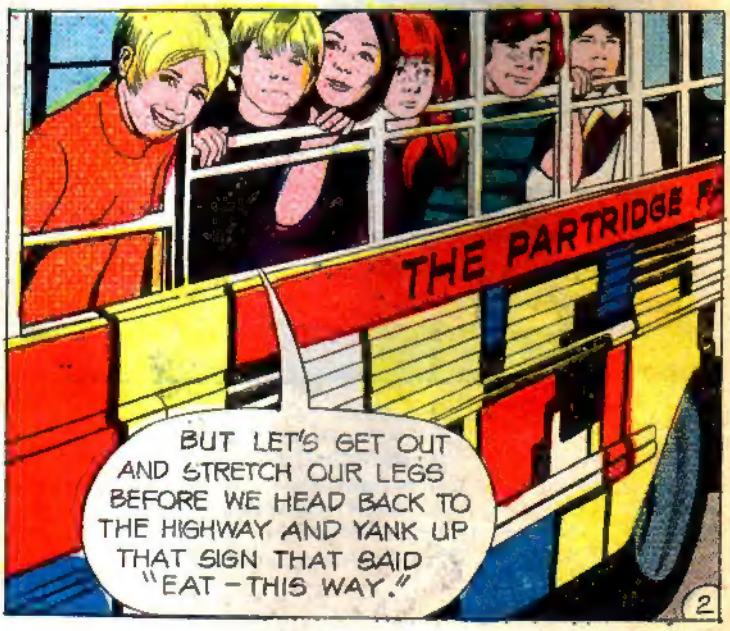
THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY
CAREFUL NERVOUS MOTHER DRIVING


YEAH...THERE'S NO ONE ON THE STREET! IT'S LIKE A GHOST TOWN!
HOW CAN YOU CALL THIS A STREET? WE SHOULD BE ON HORSEBACK! THIS HAS TO BE A SET FOR A TELEVISION WESTERN!
GE FAMILY


RELAX, KIDS... WE'RE NOT DOWN-TOWN YET. YOU'RE IN THE STICKS, SO DON'T EXPECT CONCRETE AND TRAFFIC JAMS!


HOW COME WE'RE STOPPING HERE, MOM?
STORE
IT WOULD APPEAR WE ARE "DOWNTOWN" AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF A RESTAURANT!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BUT LET'S GET OUT AND STRETCH OUR LEGS BEFORE WE HEAD BACK TO THE HIGHWAY AND YANK UP THAT SIGN THAT SAID "EAT - THIS WAY."
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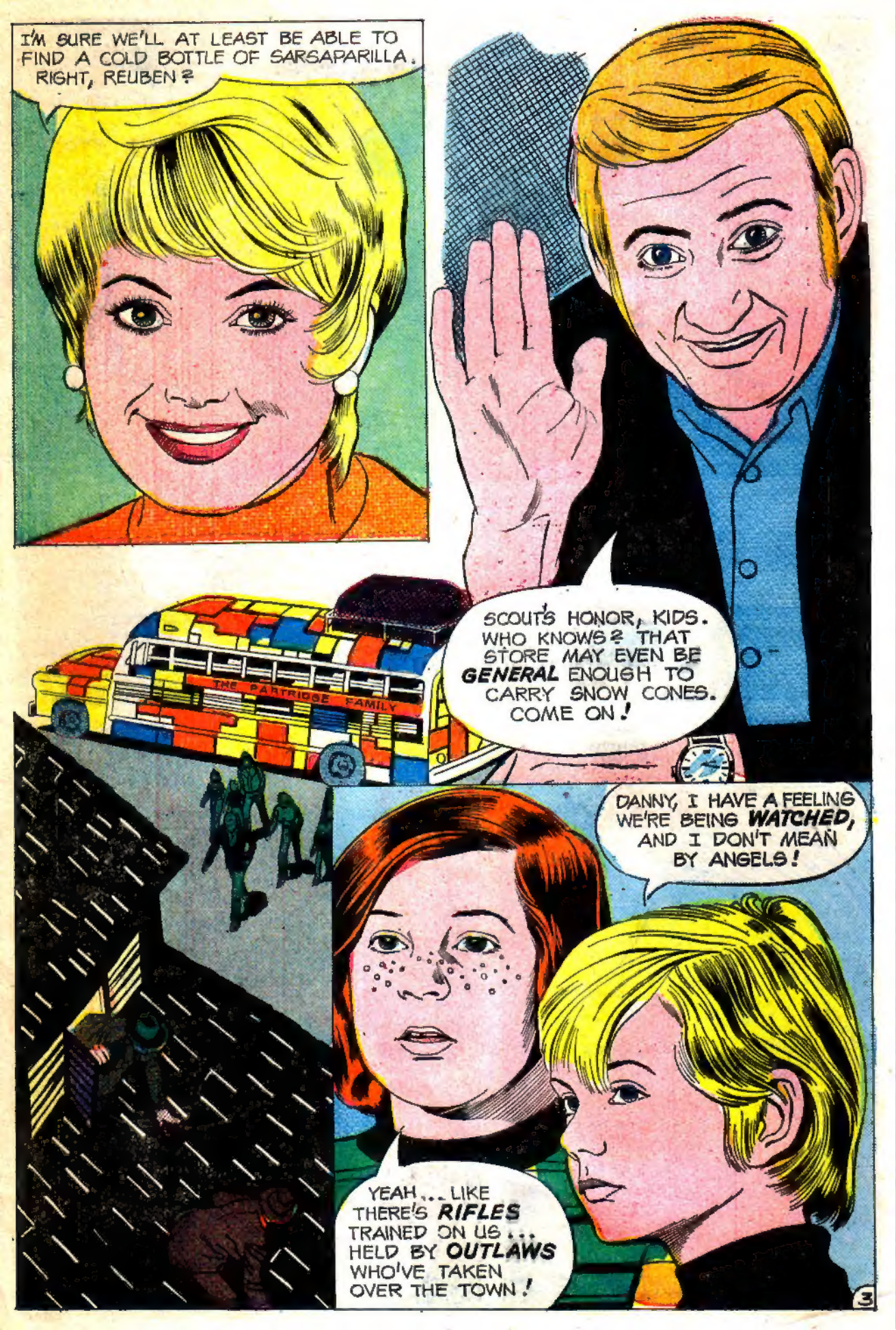
I'M SURE WE'LL AT LEAST BE ABLE TO FIND A COLD BOTTLE OF SARSAPARILLA. RIGHT, REUBEN?
SCOUT'S HONOR, KIDS. WHO KNOWS? THAT STORE MAY EVEN BE GENERAL ENOUGH TO CARRY SNOW CONES. COME ON!
THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY
DANNY, I HAVE A FEELING WE'RE BEING WATCHED, AND I DON'T MEAN BY ANGELS!
YEAH... LIKE THERE'S RIFLES TRAINED ON US... HELD BY OUTLAWS WHO'VE TAKEN OVER THE TOWN!
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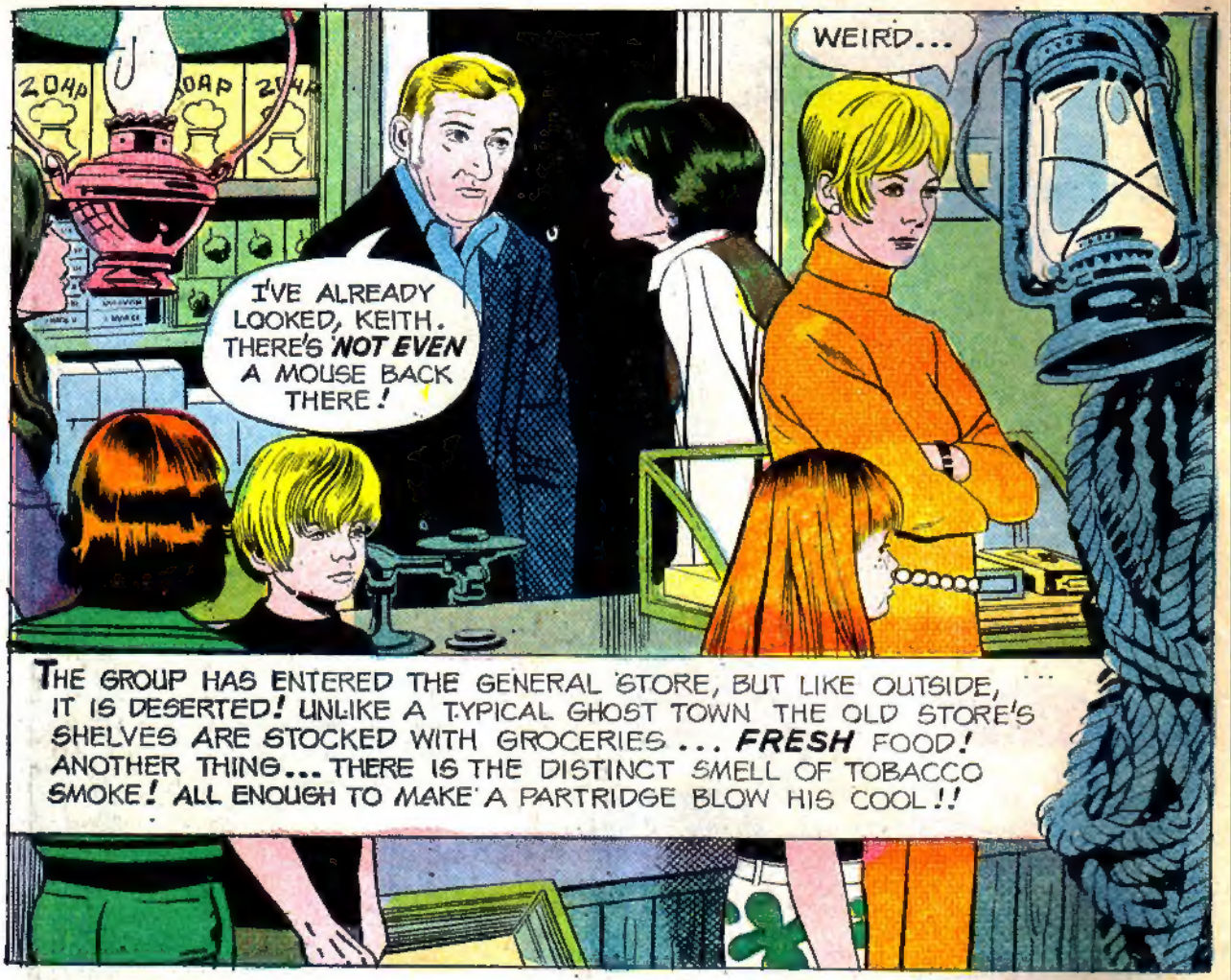
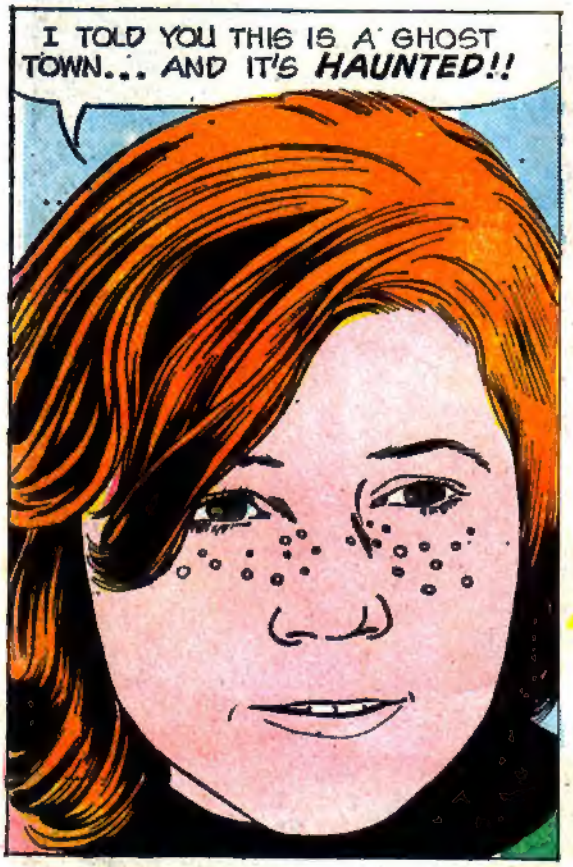

WEIRD...
I'VE ALREADY LOOKED, KEITH. THERE'S NOT EVEN A MOUSE BACK THERE!
THE GROUP HAS ENTERED THE GENERAL STORE, BUT LIKE OUTSIDE, ... IT IS DESERTED! UNLIKE A TYPICAL GHOST TOWN THE OLD STORE'S SHELVES ARE STOCKED WITH GROCERIES ... FRESH FOOD! ANOTHER THING... THERE IS THE DISTINCT SMELL OF TOBACCO SMOKE! ALL ENOUGH TO MAKE A PARTRIDGE BLOW HIS COOL!!



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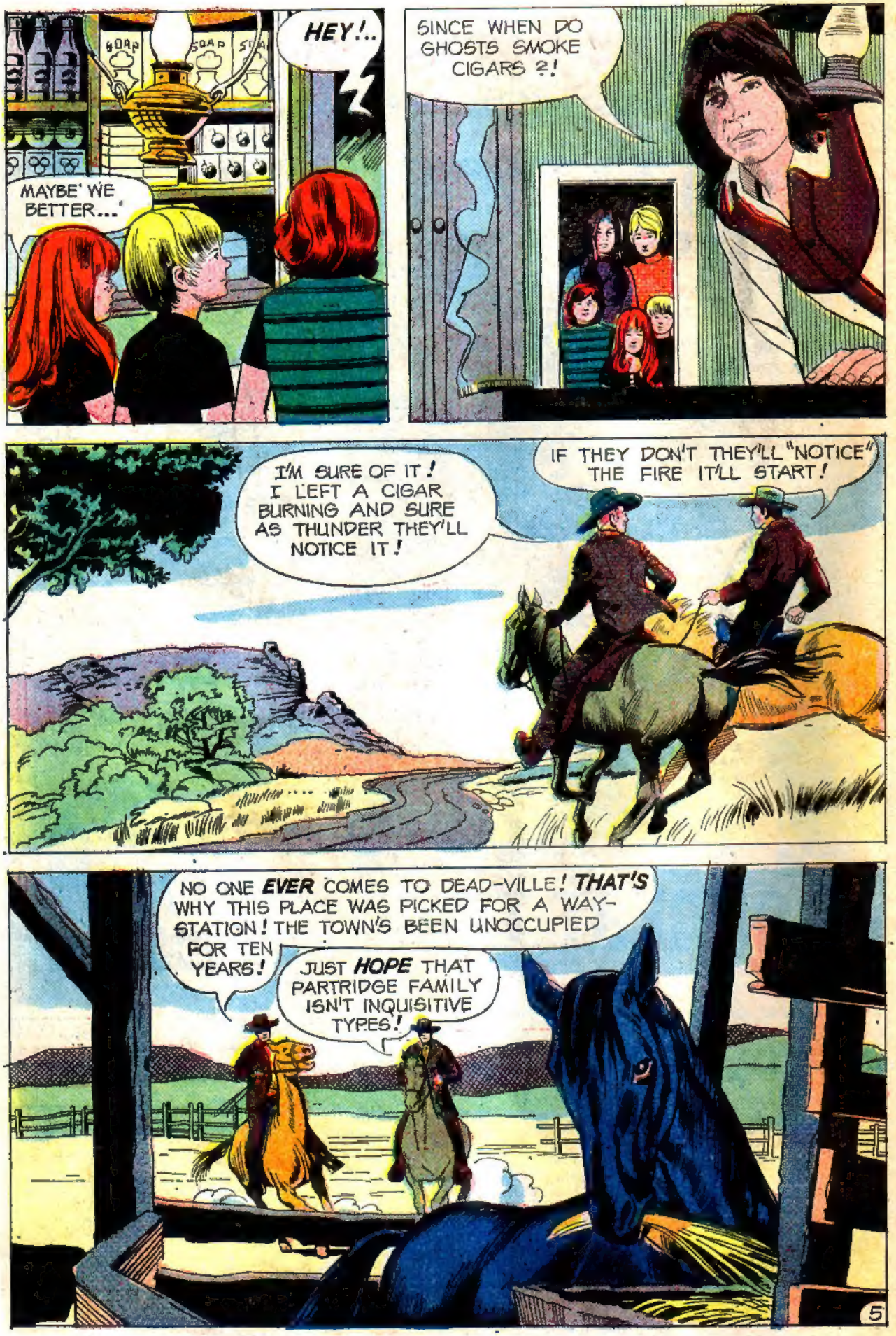
HEY!..
MAYBE WE BETTER...
SINCE WHEN DO GHOSTS SMOKE CIGARS ?!
I'M SURE OF IT! I LEFT A CIGAR BURNING AND SURE AS THUNDER THEY'LL NOTICE IT!
IF THEY DON'T THEY'LL "NOTICE" THE FIRE IT'LL START!
NO ONE EVER COMES TO DEAD-VILLE! THAT'S WHY THIS PLACE WAS PICKED FOR A WAY-STATION! THE TOWN'S BEEN UNOCCUPIED FOR TEN YEARS!
JUST HOPE THAT PARTRIDGE FAMILY ISN'T INQUISITIVE TYPES!
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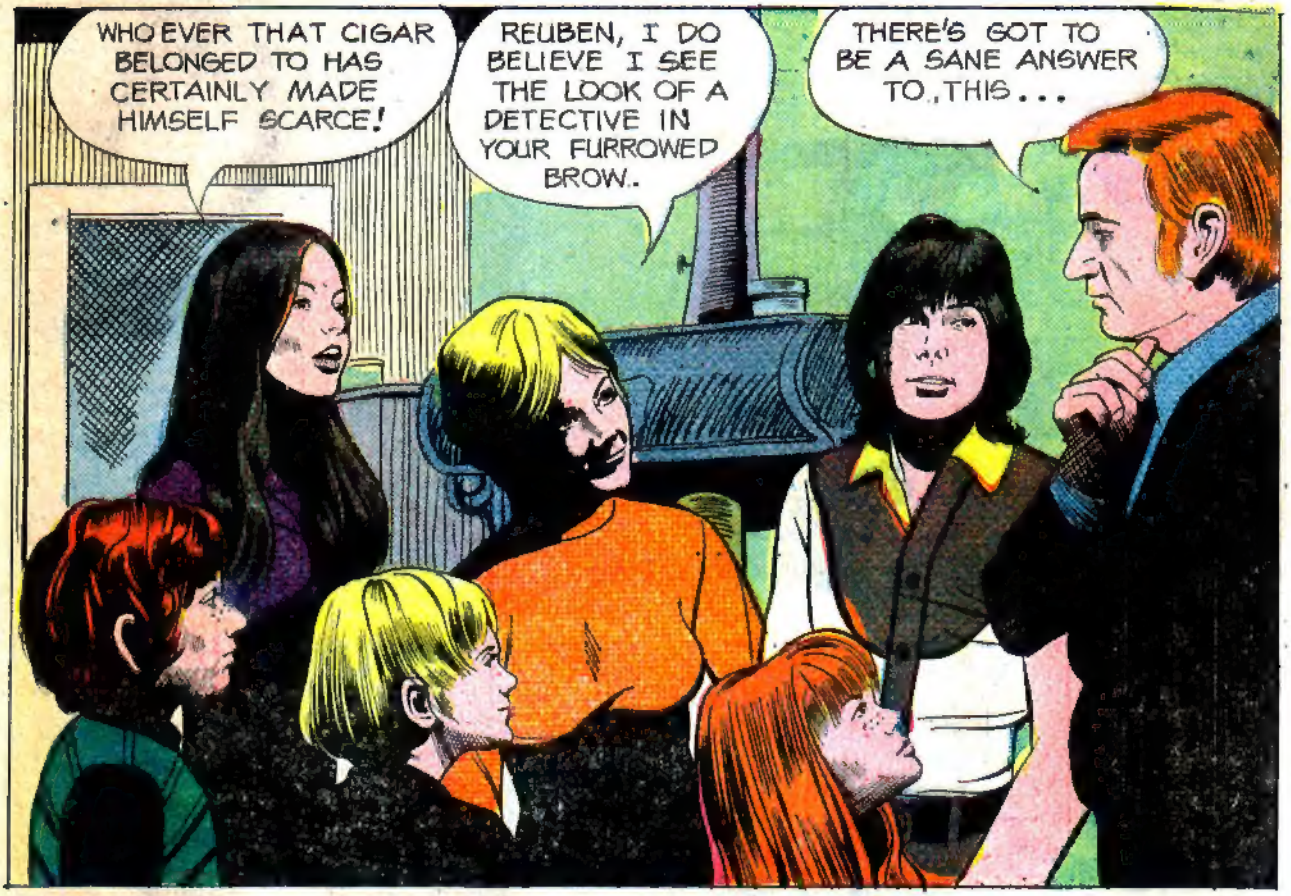
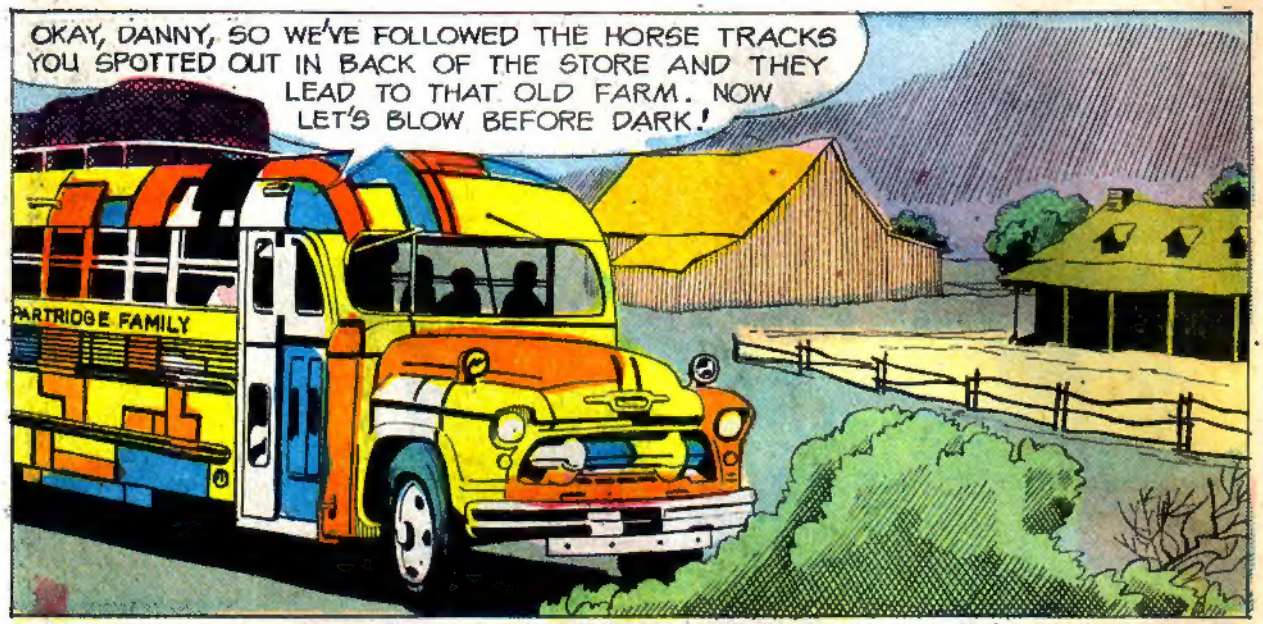

WHOEVER THAT CIGAR BELONGED TO HAS CERTAINLY MADE HIMSELF SCARCE!
REUBEN, I DO BELIEVE I SEE THE LOOK OF A DETECTIVE IN YOUR FURROWED BROW.
THERE'S GOT TO BE A SANE ANSWER TO THIS...

AND DANNY, PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN AWAY WITH US!..PLEASE!

WHY, MR. KINCAID, I WAS ONLY GOING TO GIVE YOU A TIP... WON'T COST YOU A DIME!


OKAY, DANNY, SO WE'VE FOLLOWED THE HORSE TRACKS YOU SPOTTED OUT IN BACK OF THE STORE AND THEY LEAD TO THAT OLD FARM. NOW LET'S BLOW BEFORE DARK!
PARTRIDGE FAMILY

WAIT! THERE'S THE HORSES! STOP THE BUS, MOM, AND WE'LL PUT THIS MYSTERY ALL TOGETHER!

MY COMMON SENSE TELLS ME TO HEED REUBEN'S WARNING AND HEAD OUR BUS TO THE HIGHWAY...BUT LIKE A CAT, I TOO AM CURIOUS, DANNY.

HONEST TO GRANDMA, I DON'T BELIEVE OUR LUCK! THERE THEY ARE!!
THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY

GUESS THEY NEVER HEARD THAT "CURIOSITY KILLED A CAT"!
MISTAKE NUMBER TWO... SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THE HORSES OUT IN THE CORRAL!
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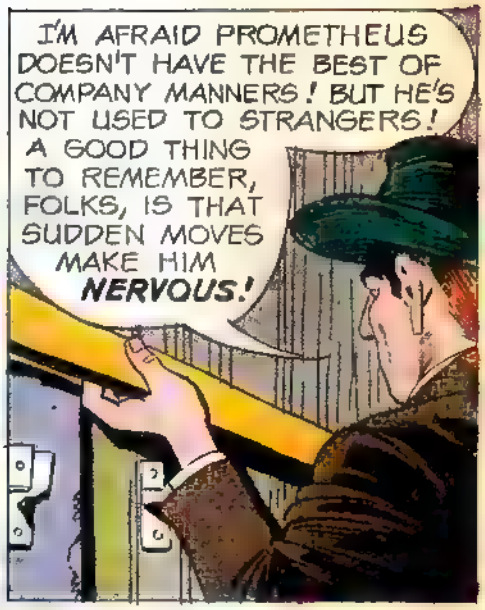
FINDING NO ANSWER TO THEIR KNOCK AND NOTICING THE DOOR AJAR, THE GROUP ENTERS THE HOUSE. HEARING A NOISE FROM THE NEXT ROOM, KEITH AND REUBEN BOLDLY PUSH ASIDE THE TATTERED ... CURTAINS ...
EMPTY! EH?! KEITH, THAT TABLE'S MOVING!!
ON OUR BLOCK THIS IS CALLED HOUSEBREAKING!
LET'S SEE WHAT WE'VE GOT HERE!
AHA! KEITH, GO GET THE FLASH-LIGHT FROM THE BUS! I'LL BET DOLLARS TO DOUGHNUTS THESE STEPS WILL LEAD US TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS!
ANY VOLUNTEER TO LEAD OFF?.. ALL OF A SUDDEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE BULLDOG DRUMMOND!
PROMETHEUS IS NOT A BULLDOG, BUT I ASSURE YOU HE CAN FIGHT LIKE A BULL! ALL OF YOU, COME DOWN AND GET ACQUAINTED!

THE "INTRUDERS" ACCEPT THE "INVITATION"...
PROMETHEUS, DOWN!


I'M AFRAID PROMETHEUS DOESN'T HAVE THE BEST OF COMPANY MANNERS! BUT HE'S NOT USED TO STRANGERS!
A GOOD THING TO REMEMBER, FOLKS, IS THAT SUDDEN MOVES MAKE HIM NERVOUS!

COME ON IN... AS A MATTER OF FACT, NONE OF US HAVE SEEN ANYONE FOR OVER A MONTH! YOU'LL BE GOOD FOR OUR MORALE.

OUTSIDE...
THE BARN PROVIDED LOTS OF ROOM TO GET THEIR BUS OUT OF SIGHT.

AND BACK IN THE CELLAR...
REUBEN! LOOK! THERE'S A WOMAN'S BODY ON THAT .....TABLE!
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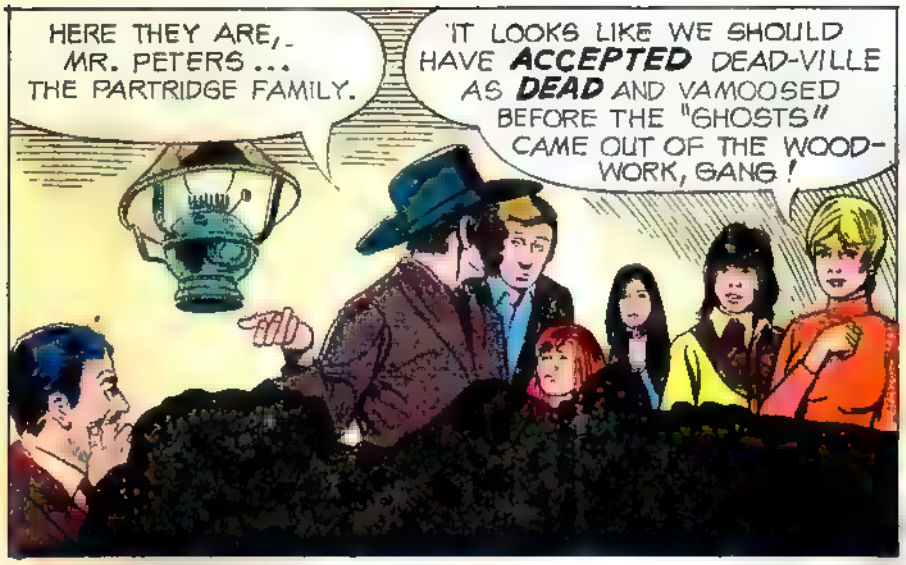
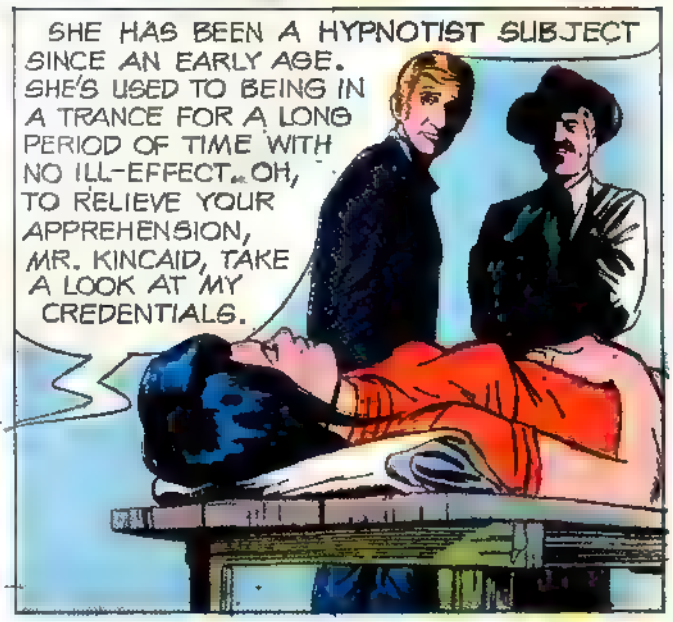

HERE THEY ARE, MR. PETERS... THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTED DEAD-VILLE AS DEAD AND VAMOOSED BEFORE THE "GHOSTS" CAME OUT OF THE WOODWORK, GANG!

"THE GIRL ON THE TABLE IS IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE. SHE HAS BEEN SO FOR SEVERAL WEEKS"...


SHE HAS BEEN A HYPNOTIST SUBJECT SINCE AN EARLY AGE. SHE'S USED TO BEING IN A TRANCE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME WITH NO ILL-EFFECT. OH, TO RELIEVE YOUR APPREHENSION, MR. KINCAID, TAKE A LOOK AT MY CREDENTIALS.

THAT'S AS MUCH AS I CAN TELL YOU. YOU'LL HAVE TO REMAIN WITH US UNTIL MIDNIGHT. MY MEN AND I THEN LEAVE FOR OUR FINAL DESTINATION WITH THE GIRL. WE'VE HAD TO KEEP HER LOST, FOR SECURITY REASONS, IN AN UNDERGROUND NETWORK, MOVING FROM STATION TO STATION UNTIL TIME WAS RIPE FOR HER SAFE DELIVERY...

WE'LL HAVE SOME FOOD SHORTLY. I'VE SENT MY MEN BACK TO TOWN TO PICK UP THE SUPPLIES THEY WERE AFTER WHEN YOU ARRIVED IN DEAD-VILLE...
OUR FOOD HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THAT STORE TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY TRAFFIC OUT HERE.

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DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE! THAT YUCCHY DOG IS COMING TOWARD US!!

DON'T MAKE HIM NERVOUS!

KEITH, YOU'LL MAKE HIM NERVOUS BY BEING NERVOUS! PROMETHEUS DECIDED HE LIKES GUESTS... I HOPE, I HOPE, I HOPE!

THAT NIGHT...
THIS IS ALL PRETTY HEAVY, MR. PETERS... BUT IT LOOKS AS IF WE HAVE NO RECOURSE BUT TO PLAY CLOAK AND DAGGER WITH YOU!
FOR ABOUT ANOTHER HALF-HOUR, MRS. PARTRIDGE... AH, THERE'S OUR SIGNAL!
IN THE UNDERGROUND HIDEAWAY CONTACT FROM A HOVERING HELICOPTER ABOVE...
GO AHEAD, BIG BIRD... YOU'RE COMING IN LOUD AND CLEAR...
STAND BY FOR PICK-UP IN TWENTY MINUTES. HAVE "THE CARGO" TOPSIDE AT PRECISELY MIDNIGHT!
MAN, WHAT A RELIEF! I FEEL LIKE AN ASTRONAUT LEAVING THE MOON FOR PLANET EARTH!
I JUST GOT A GROOVY IDEA, MOM! IF THERE'S EXTRA ROOM ON THE CHOPPER MAYBE MR. PETERS WOULD LET MR. KINCAID AND ME...
DANNY!
MIDNIGHT...
I APPRECIATE YOUR BEARING WITH US, FOLKS. INCIDENTALLY, EVEN G-MEN HAVE KIDS WHO UH...GROOVE THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY...
WAIT'LL THEY HEAR THERE OLD MAN MET THEM!
BY THE WAY, MR. KINCAID, WHO IS "BULLDOG DRUMMOND"?
EH? OH, I BELIEVE YOU COULD CALL MR. PETERS A REASONABLE FACSIMILE, DANNY.
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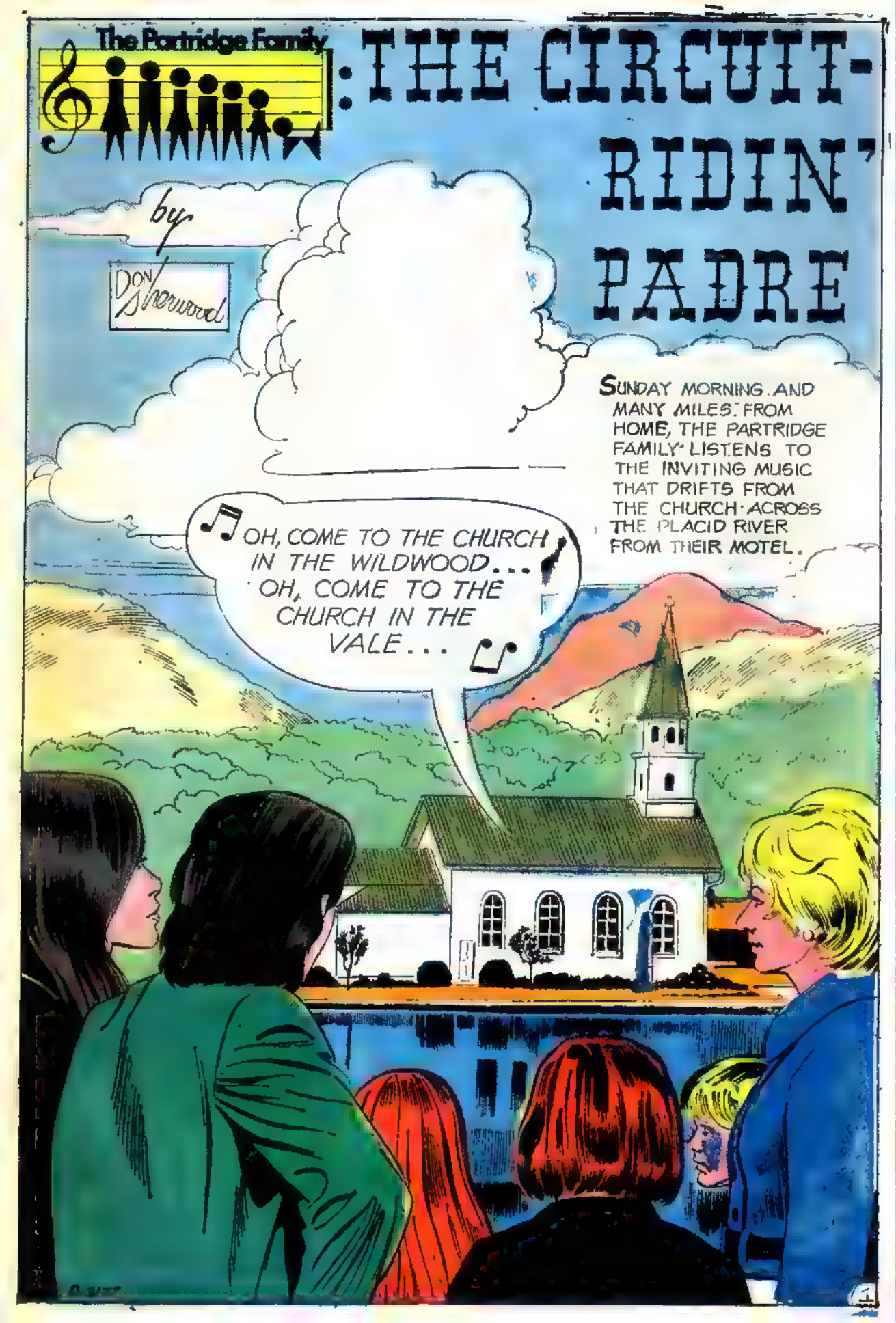
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:THE CIRCUIT-RIDIN' PADRE
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SUNDAY MORNING AND MANY MILES FROM HOME, THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY LISTENS TO THE INVITING MUSIC THAT DRIFTS FROM THE CHURCH ACROSS THE PLACID RIVER FROM THEIR MOTEL.
OH, COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE WILDWOOD... OH, COME TO THE CHURCH IN THE VALE...

THEY CROSS THE NARROW BRIDGE AND DECIDE TO ENTER THE QUAINT CHURCH.
♪ WILL THERE BE ANY STARS, ANY STARS IN MY CROWN... ♪
ALRIGHT, NEIGHBOR, TURN IN YOUR HYMNAL TO PAGE TWENTY-FIVE. LET'S REALLY OPEN UP.
GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION...
GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION...
IT WAS GOOD FOR THE PROPHET DANIEL AND IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME...
MAKES ME LOVE EVERYBODY AND IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME... ♪
LOOK AT THE LENGTH OF THOSE BOYS' HAIR! WE'RE BEING INVADED BY HIPPIES!
THAT WAS GOOD SINGING, NEIGHBOR. BUT I WONDER IF WE LISTEN TO THE WORDS WHEN WE SING... NO, I MEAN REALLY LISTEN! I WONDER IF WE WERE ARRESTED FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN, AS IN THE DAYS OF DANIEL, WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR A CONVICTION!? LET US PRAY...
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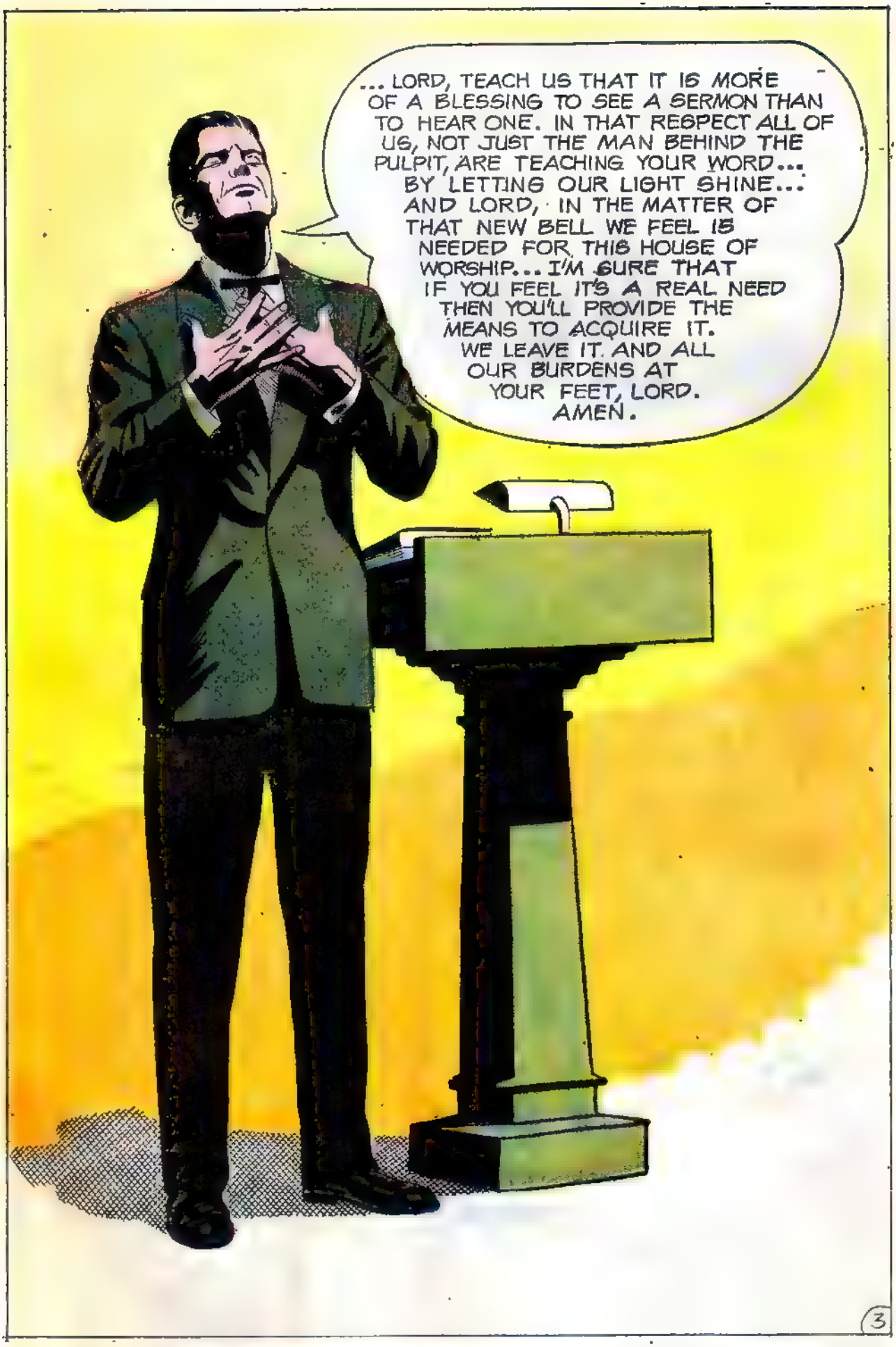
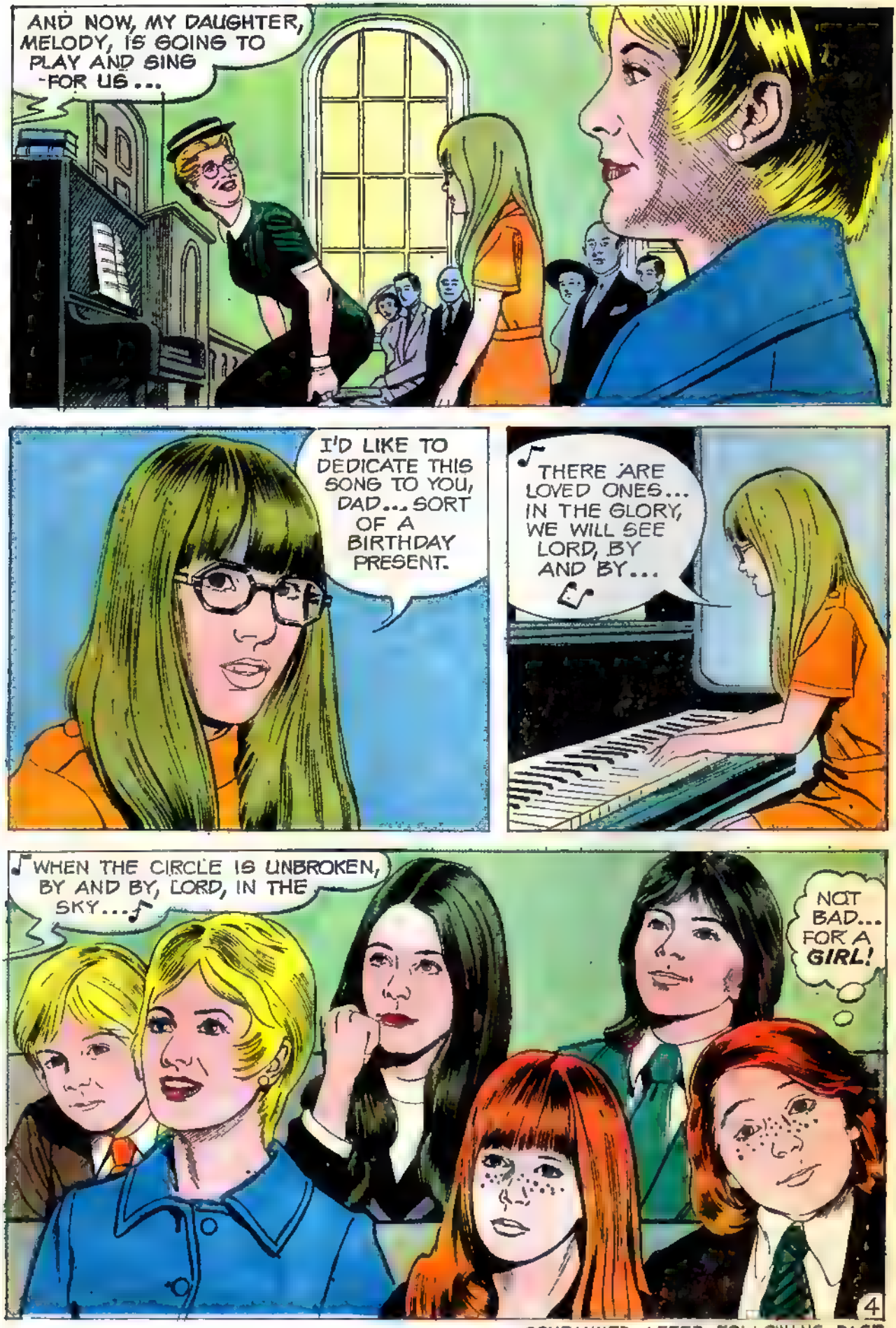

... LORD, TEACH US THAT IT IS MORE OF A BLESSING TO SEE A SERMON THAN TO HEAR ONE. IN THAT RESPECT ALL OF US, NOT JUST THE MAN BEHIND THE PULPIT, ARE TEACHING YOUR WORD... BY LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE... AND LORD, IN THE MATTER OF THAT NEW BELL WE FEEL IS NEEDED FOR THIS HOUSE OF WORSHIP... I'M SURE THAT IF YOU FEEL IT'S A REAL NEED THEN YOU'LL PROVIDE THE MEANS TO ACQUIRE IT. WE LEAVE IT AND ALL OUR BURDENS AT YOUR FEET, LORD. AMEN.


AND NOW, MY DAUGHTER, MELODY, IS GOING TO PLAY AND SING FOR US...
I'D LIKE TO DEDICATE THIS SONG TO YOU, DAD... SORT OF A BIRTHDAY PRESENT.
THERE ARE LOVED ONES... IN THE GLORY, WE WILL SEE LORD, BY AND BY...
WHEN THE CIRCLE IS UNBROKEN, BY AND BY, LORD, IN THE SKY...
NOT BAD... FOR A GIRL!
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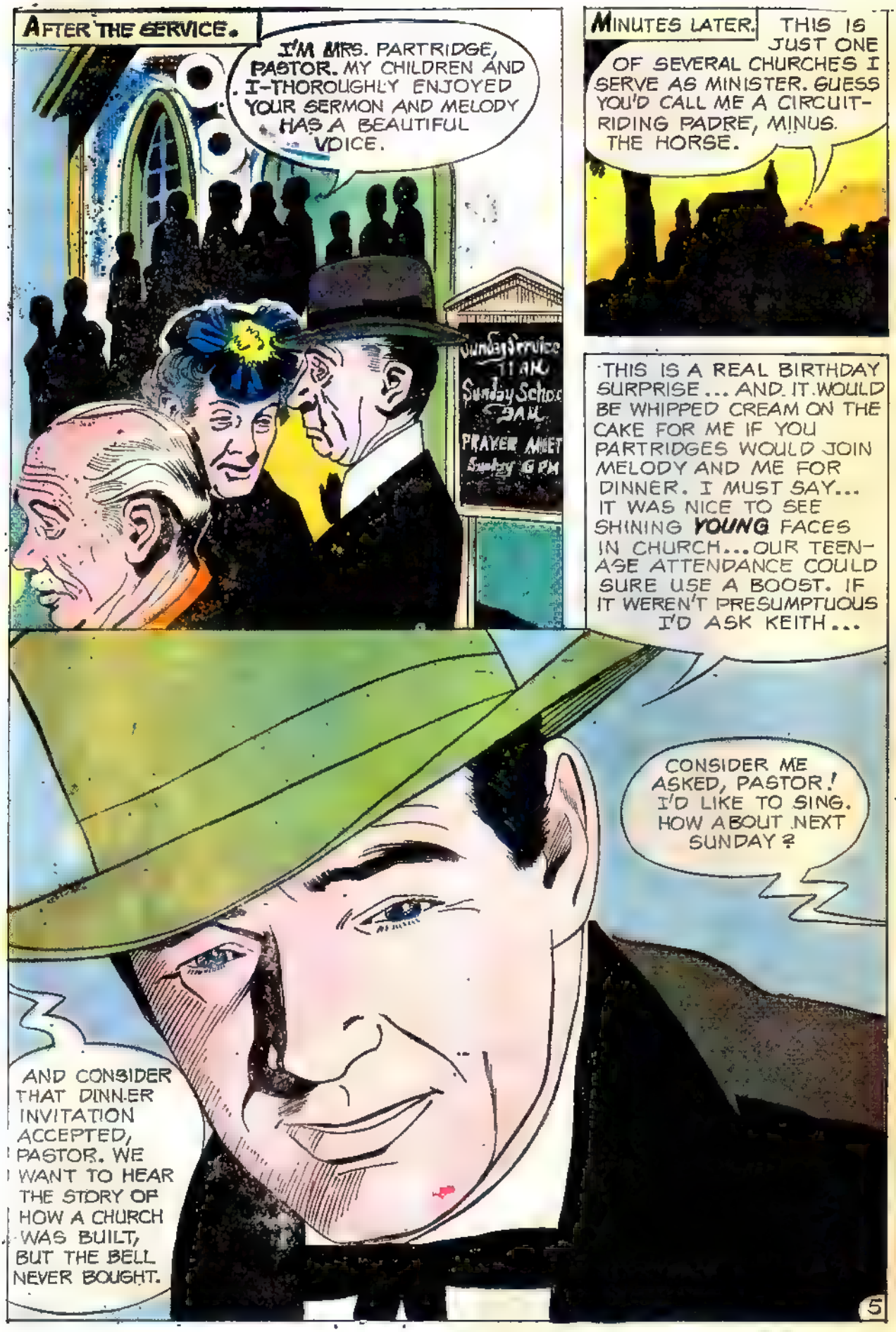
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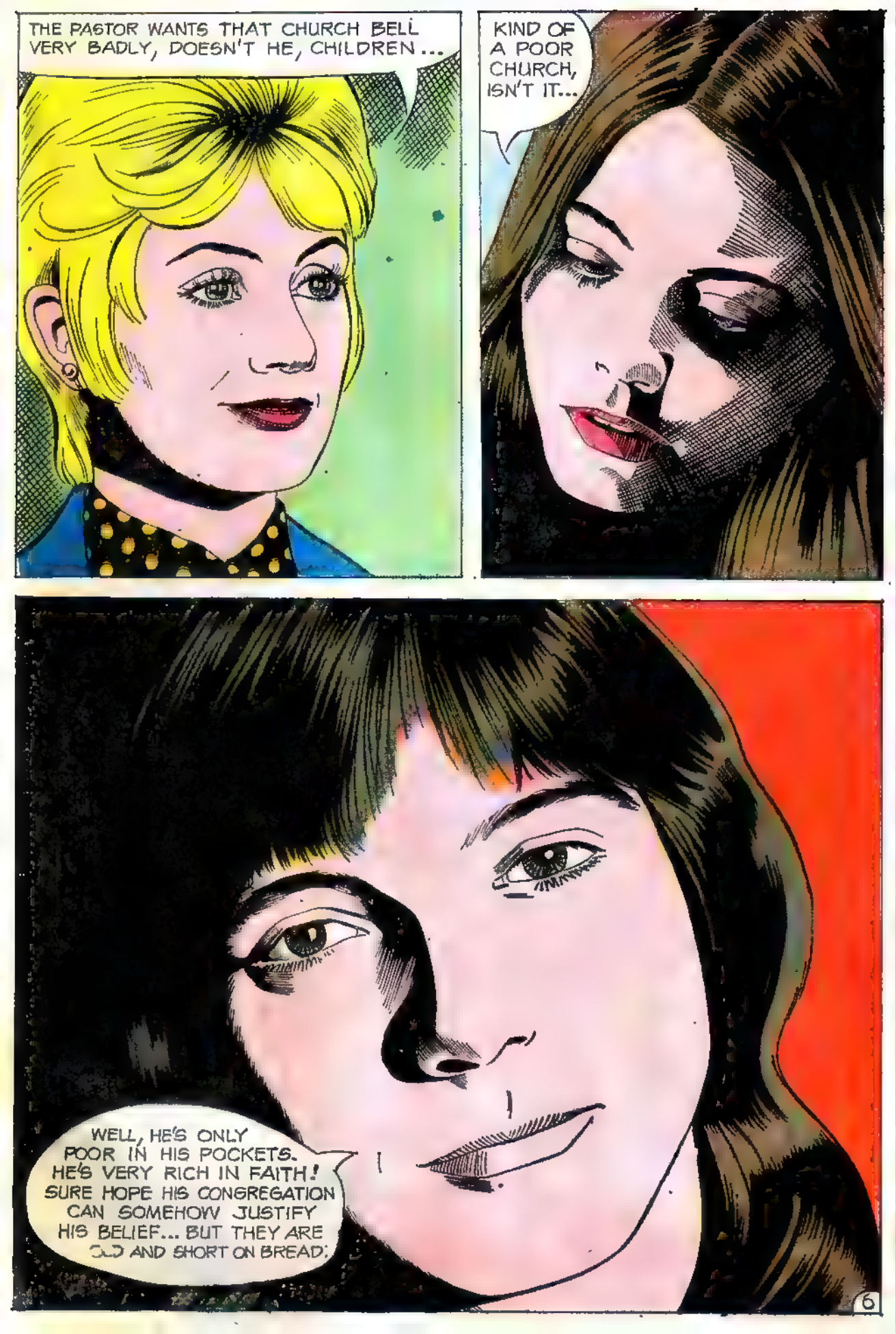
THIS IS A REAL BIRTHDAY SURPRISE... AND IT WOULD BE WHIPPED CREAM ON THE CAKE FOR ME IF YOU PARTRIDGES WOULD JOIN MELODY AND ME FOR DINNER. I MUST SAY... IT WAS NICE TO SEE SHINING YOUNG FACES IN CHURCH...OUR TEEN-AGE ATTENDANCE COULD SURE USE A BOOST. IF IT WEREN'T PRESUMPTUOUS I'D ASK KEITH...
CONSIDER ME ASKED, PASTOR! I'D LIKE TO SING. HOW ABOUT NEXT SUNDAY?
AND CONSIDER THAT DINNER INVITATION ACCEPTED, PASTOR. WE WANT TO HEAR THE STORY OF HOW A CHURCH WAS BUILT, BUT THE BELL NEVER BOUGHT.


THE PASTOR WANTS THAT CHURCH BELL VERY BADLY, DOESN'T HE, CHILDREN...
KIND OF A POOR CHURCH, ISN'T IT...
WELL, HE'S ONLY POOR IN HIS POCKETS. HE'S VERY RICH IN FAITH! SURE HOPE HIS CONGREGATION CAN SOMEHOW JUSTIFY HIS BELIEF... BUT THEY ARE OLD AND SHORT ON BREAD.
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LATER...
SHE'S FLIPPED! THERE'S NO OTHER ANSWER! MOM HAS FLIPPED!
...AND REUBEN, THANK YOU. I KNEW YOU'D UNDERSTAND. NOW, REMEMBER, IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THE LIBERTY BELL. ANY...
SHIRLEY! I DON'T UNDERSTAND AT ALL, BUT I'VE LEARNED LONG AGO IT'S EASIER TO NOT EVEN TRY! BESIDES, IT'S YOUR MONEY! I'LL TRY MY BEST TO GET ONE LOCATED AND ON ITS WAY. OH, I GUESS YOU REALIZE YOU'VE A MORTGAGE PAYMENT OVERDUE AT THE BANK...
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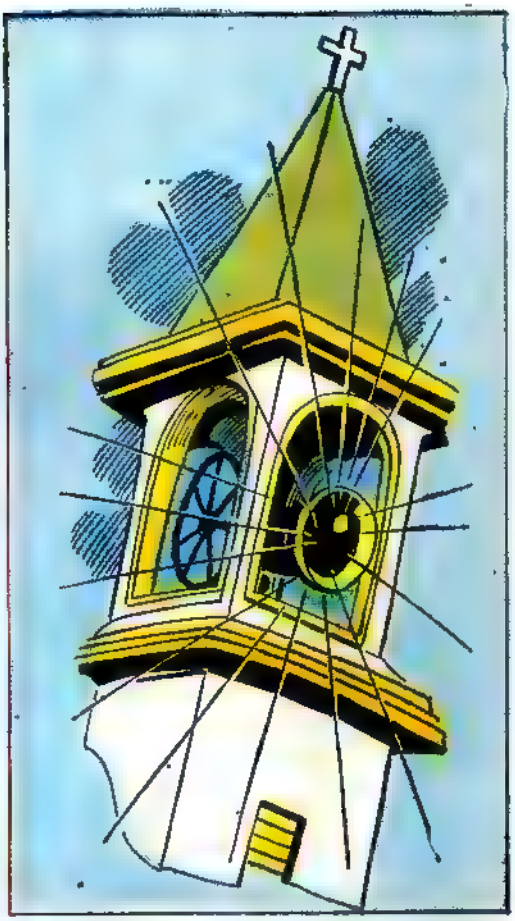
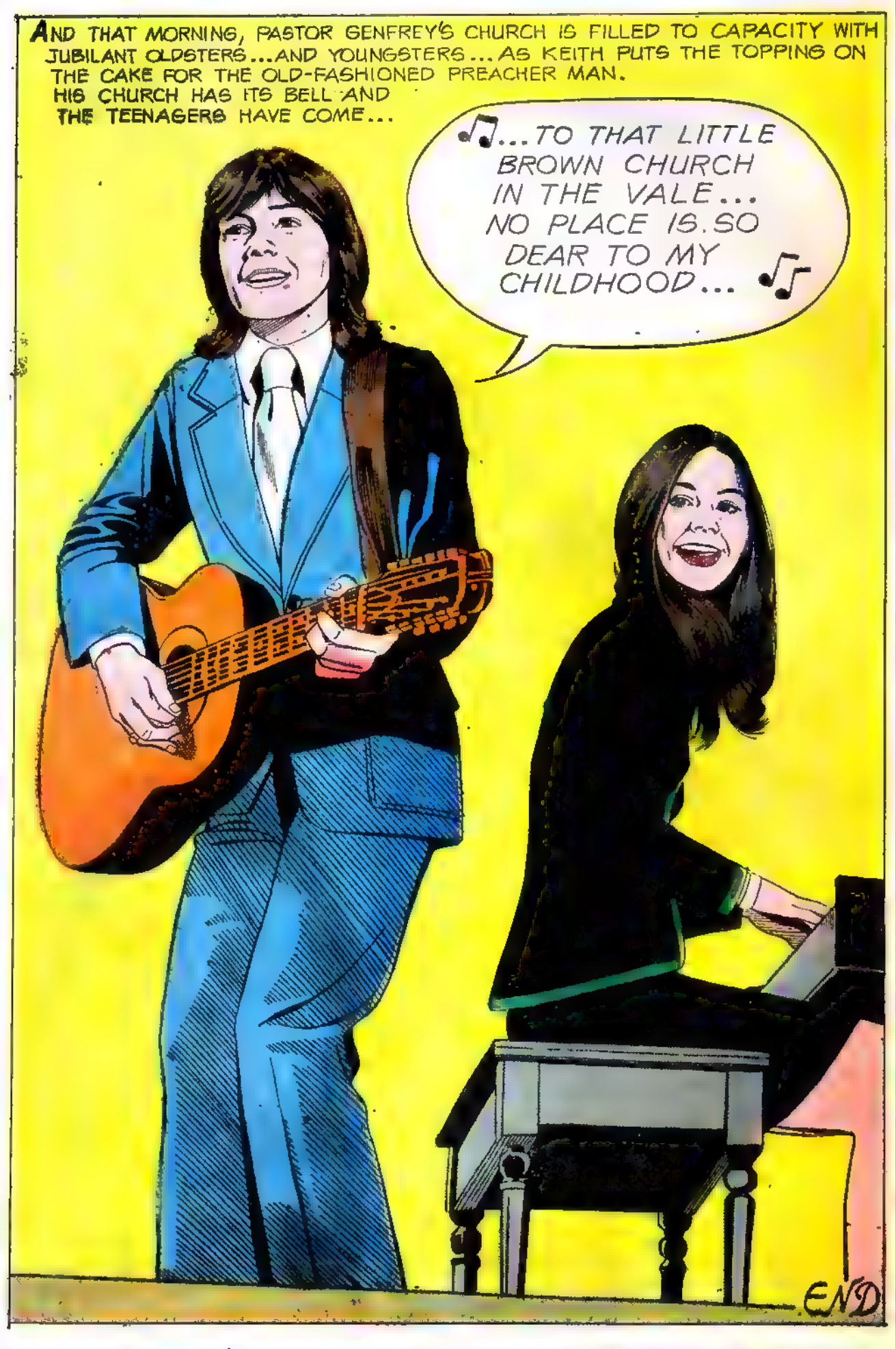
EXACTLY ONE SUNDAY LATER...

ANY MINUTE NOW! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE LOOK ON PASTOR GENFREY'S AND MELODY'S FACES! COME ON, KEITH, RING THAT BELL! RING IT **GOOD AND LOUD!**



THERE SHE BLOWS! THE NEW CHURCH BELL THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO A SINCERE MAN FOR HIS CONGREGATION! YOU KNOW, TRACY, IT'S CORNY, BUT I'VE GOT GOOSE BUMPS!


AND THAT MORNING, PASTOR GENFREY'S CHURCH IS FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH JUBILANT OLDSTERS...AND YOUNGSTERS...AS KEITH PUTS THE TOPPING ON THE CAKE FOR THE OLD-FASHIONED PREACHER MAN.
HIS CHURCH HAS ITS BELL AND THE TEENAGERS HAVE COME...
♫...TO THAT LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE... NO PLACE IS SO DEAR TO MY CHILDHOOD... ♫
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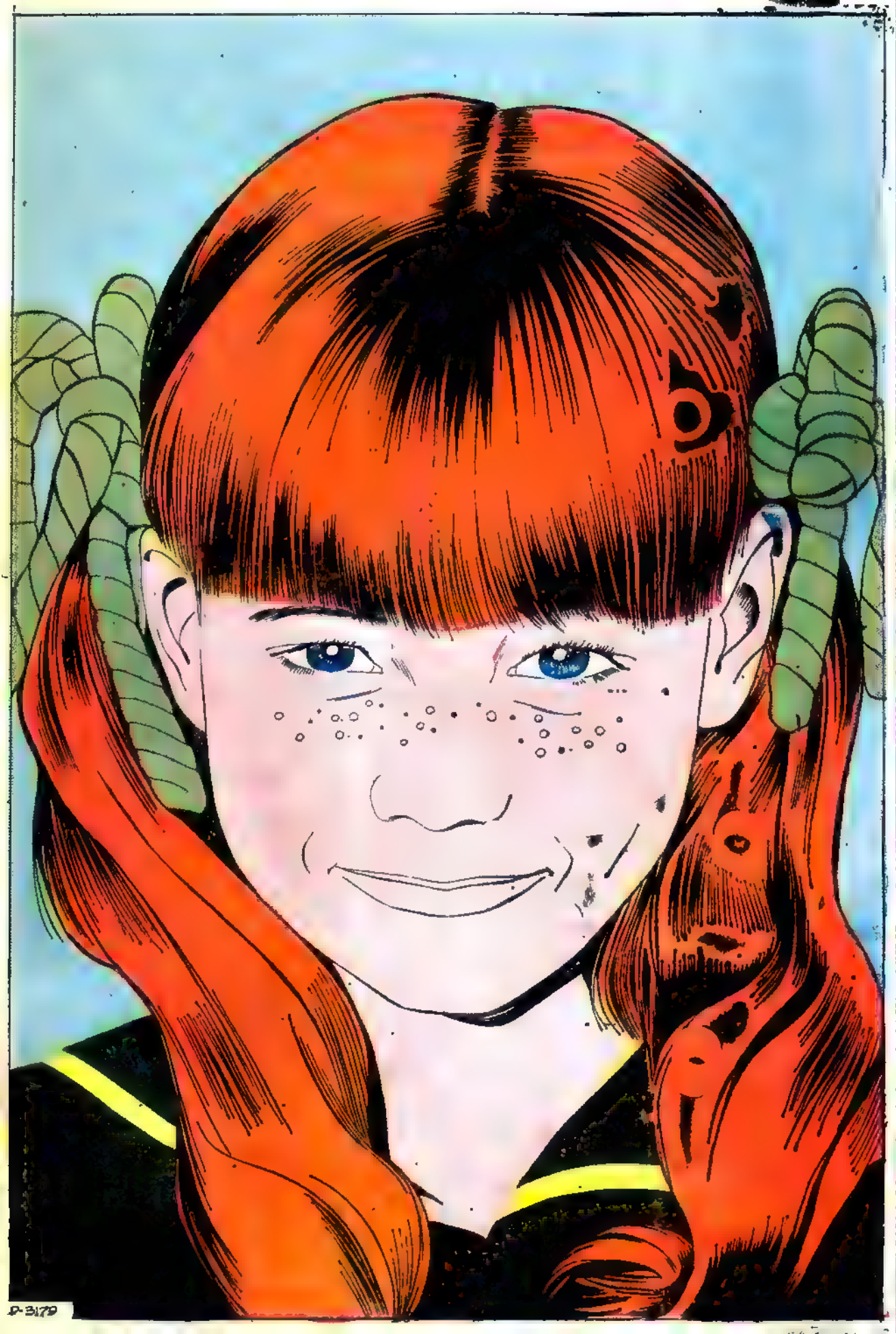

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Though I tried.
So hard I cried.
What could I do?
I still loved you.

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You broke my heart.
Said we must part.
You wanted a career.
But not with me near.
You had to test yourself.
So you put me on a shelf.

IV.

I waited and waited.
Thus was I fated.
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All on your part.
You couldn't understand.
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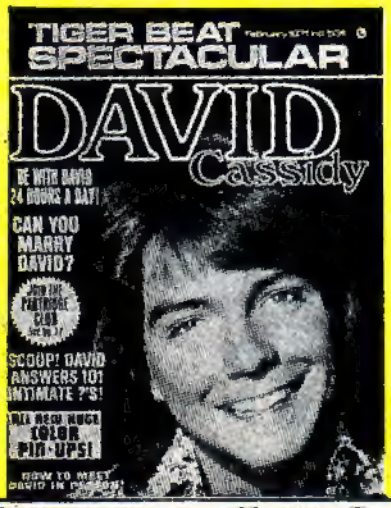
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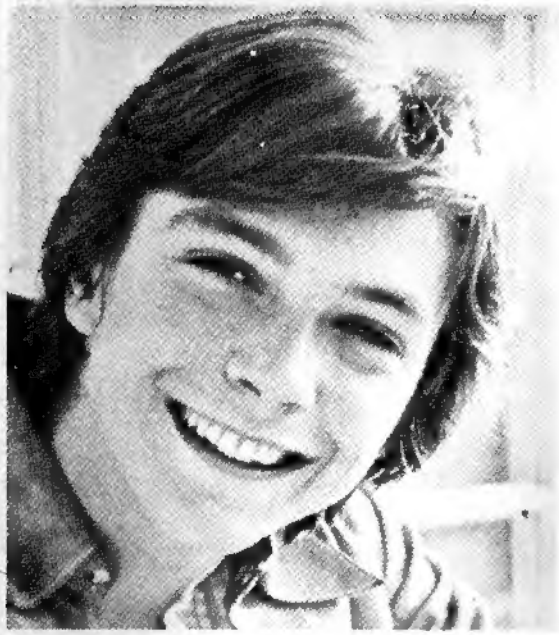

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